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The meeting was called to order at 3.45 p.m.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK (continued)

Election to the International Civil Service Commission (continued)

1. Ms. ROLLET (Department of Administration and Management), having recalled article 4 of the statute of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) governing the procedure for the nomination of members of the Commission, said that the deadline for the submission of nominations had been set at 15 October 1992 and most nominations had been received by that date. Later, however, one of the candidatures had been withdrawn and another had been formally submitted on 9 December. It was unfortunately obvious that the Secretary-General could not complete the consultations with other organizations of the common system required under the Commission's statute in time for the date scheduled for the elections, 11 December.

2. The vacancies on the Commission were: two for the African Group; two for the Asian Group and one for the Group of Eastern European States. The nominations received, as of 10 December, were: four for the African Group, four for the Asian Group and one for the Eastern European Group. Where the number of candidates exceeded the number of vacancies, a choice would have to be made by election.

3. Mr. VAN LIEROP (Vanuatu), speaking on behalf of the Asian Group, said that, at a meeting of the Group held on 7 December, the Indian delegation had formally announced the withdrawal of its candidate. Two delegations had then expressed their interest in putting forward a candidate for the vacancy. The Group had thereupon endorsed the candidate of Bangladesh and had reaffirmed its previous endorsement of the candidature put forward by the Philippines. As those two candidatures had the Asian Group's unqualified and unanimous support, he appealed to all members of the Committee to lend them their support. In the interest of complying with the Commission's statute, the Asian Group was prepared to agree to the elections being postponed to 18 December.

4. Mr. LAADJOUZI (Algeria) and Mr. IRUMBA (Uganda) said that, in the interest of complying with the statute of the Commission and thereby strengthening the common system, they would also have no objection to postponing the elections by one week.

5. The CHAIRMAN said that, in addition to the candidate endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States, the two candidates endorsed by the Asian Group and the four candidates endorsed by the African Group, two further candidatures had been presented to the Chairman of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (CCAQ) by a number of organizations within the common system.

(The Chairman)

6. He suggested that elections to all vacant seats on the International Civil Service Commission should be held on Friday, 18 December, in order to enable the Secretary-General to conduct the necessary consultations and to submit his report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ).

7. It was so decided.

8. The CHAIRMAN informed the Committee that, owing to the lack of time, document A/C.5/47/35 on elections to ICSC would not be issued in all languages but only in English. If he saw no objections, he would take it that the Committee agreed exceptionally to consider the document in English only.

9. It was so decided.

10. Mr. VAN LIEROP (Vanuatu) expressed the Asian Group's appreciation of the decision taken and thanked all the delegations concerned, and in particular those of the African Group, for their cooperation.

The meeting rose at 4.20 p.m.